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*Suspected murder of one Kacheri Parambil Changarotti*

* 2448 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received a memorandum, dated 14th April 1955, addressed to the Chief Minister from the people of Kinaloor amsom, Kurumbranad taluk, North Malabar, complaining against the failure of the Balusseri Police to conduct proper investigation in a case of suspected murder of one Kacheri Parambil Changarotti whose dead body was found floating in the river on 25th March 1955; and

(*b*) if so, what action has been taken?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) & (*b*) A resolution on this subject passed at a meeting held at Tiruvancheripoyal, a village adjoining Balusseri, was received by Government. Enquiries were made by the Police as regards the incident relating to the death of Kacheri Parambil Changarotti. No information was forthcoming to suggest foul play.

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : May I know whether any inquest was held, and if so, what is the opinion of the panchayatdars who conducted the inquest?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : There was a post-mortem examination. No injuries were found. Death was found to be due to asphyxia due to drowning. Then the wife of the deceased was also examined. She had also stated in her statement that her husband was getting fits now and then. So, the conclusion was that while he was in water he got fits and died by drowning.

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : My question was whether a post-mortem was conducted, and what opinion the panchayatdars gave(?). It seems panchayatdars gave the opinion that foul play was suspected because they found injuries at the neck and other parts of the body(?)

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I do not have the information with regard to the inquest. Post-mortem is a much better evidence with reference to the injuries on the body. The Doctor who conducted the post-mortem had stated that there were no injuries found on the body.

DR. K. B. MENON : Are the Government aware that there is in the locality a strong opinion that death was due to foul play, that when the body was taken out from water the private part was seen cut and that there is a strong suspicion that it was a murder due to a triangular affair? Will the Government therefore conduct an enquiry into the matter and see that proper justice is done?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I have no information about the triangular affair. (Laughter.)